

# Project Summary: NASA Solar Wind Health Alert System

## Project Overview

**SolarWind Dashboard** is a real-time space weather monitoring system designed to protect health-sensitive populations from geomagnetic disturbances. The system uses NASA/NOAA solar wind data to provide early warnings for cardiovascular patients, elderly individuals, and other weather-sensitive people.

## Key Achievement

Winner at the **33rd International Cosmic Olympiad** - demonstrating practical application of scientific computing and data engineering skills with real satellite datasets.

## Problem Statement

Geomagnetic storms caused by solar activity can significantly impact human health, particularly:

- **Cardiovascular patients:** Increased risk of heart attacks and strokes during G3+ storms
- **Elderly individuals:** Heightened sensitivity to geomagnetic disturbances
- **Weather-sensitive people:** Discomfort, fatigue, and sleep disturbances

Current space weather monitoring systems are designed for technical applications but lack health-focused alerting for vulnerable populations.

## Solution

A Python-based system that:

1. **Ingests real-time data** from NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center
2. **Processes and filters alerts** relevant for health-sensitive people (G3 and above)
3. **Provides multi-language support** (English/Russian) for broader accessibility
4. **Generates professional visualizations** for research and presentation
5. **Assesses health impact** with specific warnings for different risk groups

## Technical Implementation

### Core Technologies

- **Python 3.8+** with scientific computing libraries
- **Data Processing:** numpy, pandas for time series analysis
- **Visualization:** matplotlib, plotly for high-quality graphics
- **API Integration:** Real-time data from NASA/NOAA endpoints
- **Translation:** Multi-language support for international use

### System Architecture

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solar-wind-dashboard/
├── src/
│   ├── alerts/           # Alert models with health impact assessment
│   ├── data_ingestion/  # NOAA API integration
│   ├── translation/     # Multi-language support
│   └── visualization/   # Professional graphics generation
├── visualizations/     # High-resolution charts (1920x1080)
└── docs/                # Project documentation
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### Key Features

- Real-time ingestion from NASA endpoints (solar wind, Bz, Kp, particle flux)
- Health-focused alert filtering (G3+ for weather-sensitive people)
- Severity classification based on NOAA scale (G1-G5)
- Professional visualizations suitable for academic presentations
- Bilingual interface (EN/RU)

## Impact and Applications

### Social Impact

- **Protects vulnerable populations** by providing early warnings
- **Increases awareness** of space weather health effects
- **Enables proactive health management** for at-risk individuals

## Academic Value

- Demonstrates **scientific computing** skills with real NASA data
- Shows **data engineering** capabilities (real-time processing, API integration)
- Highlights **software development** practices (modular architecture, documentation)
- Provides **reproducible research** framework

## Research Applications

- Suitable for **publications** in space weather and health journals
- Can be extended for **epidemiological studies** linking geomagnetic activity to health outcomes
- Provides **data pipeline** for further research

## Technical Highlights

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1. **Real-time Data Processing:** Continuous monitoring of NOAA Space Weather Prediction Center
2. **Intelligent Filtering:** Automatic identification of health-relevant alerts (G3+)
3. **Professional Visualization:** High-resolution graphics (1920x1080) for presentations and publications
4. **Modular Architecture:** Clean, maintainable code structure suitable for academic review
5. **Comprehensive Documentation:** README, code comments, and technical reports

## Project Status

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### ▣ Fully Functional Prototype

- Real-time data ingestion working
- Alert processing and filtering implemented
- Health impact assessment functional
- Professional visualizations generated
- Multi-language support active

## Future Enhancements

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- Integration with health monitoring devices
- Machine learning for predictive modeling
- Mobile application for alerts
- Extended language support
- Historical data analysis capabilities

## Repository

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GitHub: <https://github.com/ilyaemelian/solar-wind-dashboard>  
Live Demo: <https://ilyaemelian.github.io/solar-wind-dashboard/>

## Conclusion

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This project demonstrates the ability to:

- Work with **real scientific data** from NASA/NOAA
- Apply **scientific computing** skills to solve real-world problems
- Create **socially impactful** software
- Develop **professional-grade** academic projects
- Integrate **multiple technologies** (data science, API integration, visualization)

The system successfully bridges space weather science and public health, providing a practical tool for protecting vulnerable populations while demonstrating strong technical and academic capabilities.

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**Prepared for:** Graduate school applications

**Project Type:** Scientific computing, Data engineering, Software development

**Status:** Production-ready prototype